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As computer users, my wife, Grace, and I seriously urge you to reject the Microsoft settlement. From the many reports we have read, we believe that the proposed settlement is primarily aimed at extending Microsoft's stranglehold on the computer market to our very significant detriment, and to the detriment of all computer users. We cannot buy a computer without paying a fee, through the vendor, to Microsoft, even though we prefer to use another operating system.

We note in passing that Microsoft has confused the whole browser issue by using the term EXPLORER for two very different blocks of software. The plain MICROSOFT EXPLORER is essentially a block of software that provides for calling up various other programs. The MICROSOFT INTERNET EXPLORER is the browser that they bundle in with the operating system. Two very different sets of functions whose names appear to be deliberately chosed to confuse the courts about the separability of the browser function from the operating system.

It is this kind of double dealing that has changed us from being Microsoft supporters into users of anything BUT Microsoft products.

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